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COWBOY HANGS 'EM UP

RFK Reaction Shooting Down Guns

NEW YORK (AP) — A cowboy actor hung up his guns. A newspaper discontinued two comic strips with a high biff-bam content. A re-enactment of a gangster massacre was canceled.

These were some of the reactions this week against guns and violence in the wake of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

REX ALLEN, a veteran Hollywood and rodeo star, in the business 17 years, told an audience at the 27th annual Midwest Horse Show in Springfield, Ill., he was convinced Western movie and television performers had given guns too good an image.

Removing his own, Allen declared: "I will never put them on again in my life."

The Greensboro, N.C., Daily News notified its readers it would no longer publish Dick Tracy and Little Orphan Annie. The newspaper cited what it described as the "constant exploitation and advocacy of violence" in the two strips.

THE RE-ENACTMENT of the 1929 St. Valentine's Day gangster massacre, scheduled for a shopping center show in Burnaby, B.C., was called off by promoter George Patey. He said he bowed to phoned objections by citizens who felt it would glamorize violence.

A Western store chain put its toy guns under the counter and said make-believe weapons for tots henceforth would be produced only upon parental request.

The Dayton store chain, which has outlets in Minnesota, Missouri, California, Oregon, Arizona and Colorado, said it would henceforth push peaceful toys, such as steam shovels.

TWO OF THE four biggest department stores in Minneapolis reported they had quit selling toys keyed to violence. The other two said they planned to follow suit.

In Richland, Wash., Donnie Einan, 7, suggested to his father, Duane, that both turn in their guns to the police. The elder Einan gave up a .32-caliber revolver. Donnie parted with an air gun and four toy pistols.

Law enforcement officers at Tampa, Fla., destroyed 300 guns seized in various criminal investigations by dropping them into a vat of acid. Previous practice was to sell such weapons at public auction, but Sheriff Malcolm Beard said, "There are already enough guns out there."

A CALIFORNIA student group which had campaigned for Sen. Kennedy disbanded, reformed as The Kennedy Action Corps and began a door-to-door campaign for signatures on a petition calling for stiffer gun control laws.

The Jordan Marsh Co., a department store chain with headquarters in Boston, has discontinued sales of guns and ammunition. William P. Reed, president, said the decision was made "in the best interest of the American public."

Another Boston department store, with stores in five surrounding communities, announced in newspaper advertisements it will stop selling guns and ammunition.

In Honolulu, Assistant Police Chief Fred Paoa issued a plea eight days ago for residents to turn in unwanted guns. Since then, 105 handguns and 34 rifles, along with thousands of rounds of ammunition, have been turned in.